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Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Have the Government taken any decision as to when the next elections to these panchayats and panchayats unions should be held?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no information, Sir. The question must be addressed to the Hon. Minister concerned.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இனி அமைக்கப் பட வேண்டிய பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்கள் ஏதேனும் எண்ணிக்கையில் கூடியிருக்கின்றனவா ? எத்தனை இனி அமைக்கப்பட வேண்டும் ?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன் : இரண்டு பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்கள்தான் இனி அமைக்கப்பட வேண்டியிருக்கின்றன. மற்றவை அமைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டன. ஏப்ரல் 1-ம் தேதி 373 பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்கள் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டன.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : **Is it a fact that most of the local** bodies are not functioning properly due to political factions?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The hon. Member may make it as a comment in the Budget debate.

32 *Spindles spinning units*

* 59 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce 32 spindles spinning units in the Co-operative Sector; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN :

(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A proposal for the supply of 32 spindles spinning units to the members of Weavers' Co-operatives has been formulated. Under the scheme, it is proposed to introduce 240 units during the Third Five-Year Plan period with Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 8·65 lakhs. The units will be supplied to the members of Weavers' Co-operative Societies selected from the areas where yarn of low counts is used for production of fabrics. The units will be installed in the houses of the members of societies and the yarn spun will be used by the concerned societies. As a preliminary measure, 26 Nos. of 32 spindles units have been sanctioned for working on a pilot basis and some of them are already functioning. As soon as the result of the experiments and the economics of working of these units are finally established, the question of extending the scheme to other areas will be taken up.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : How many of these units are functioning and where are they functioning?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : They are working in Coimbatore, Kavandanpadi.